

CLAIMS:

1. A method for connecting users to a first communication network, comprising:
providing an address service connected to the first communication
5 network on which a user may register a name and an associated address on a second communication network;
using the first communication network to access the address service;
designating a name registered on the address service;
in response to the designation of said registered name, automatically
10 broadcasting a message over the second communication network to the registered address associated with the selected name, said message identifying an interactive activity to be conducted over the first communication network;
using a receiving device not connected to the first communication network
15 to receive said message;
in response to the reception of said message by said receiving device, automatically generating a user prompt to commence the identified interactive activity; and
in response to a positive acknowledgment of said user prompt,
20 automatically connecting an interactive device to the first communication network and commencing the identified interactive activity.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the first communication network is the Internet, and the second communication network is a wireless paging network.
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3. The method of claim 2, wherein the user prompt comprises a hyperlink to a site on the Internet.

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4. The method of claim 3, wherein said Internet site includes a display of further information about the attempted contact.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein said further information includes information identifying the person from whom the contact attempt originated.
6. The method of claim 4, wherein said further information includes a message from the person from whom the contact attempt originated.
- 10 7. The method of claim 4, wherein said further information includes information identifying a particular interactive Internet activity.
- 15 8. The method of claim 2, wherein each user registers a screen name and an associated contact address of an associated listening device.
9. The method of claim 8, wherein said screen name is a pseudonym or other factitious or imaginary identity.
- 20 10. The method of claim 8 wherein said contact address is a serial number programmed into the associated listening device.
11. The method of claim 8 wherein said contact address is converted into an activation code by the address service.
- 25 12. The method of claim 11, wherein said activation code is available only to the address service and to the user who originally registered the information.

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